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Dear Ms. Gregg

On June 29, 2020 the Department of Juvenile Justice (“Department” or “DJJ”) Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) Officer received your FOIA request. The Department now responds to your requests below:

**I hereby request the following records: that indicate, for 2019, the number of persons released as a committed person on parole, mandatory supervised release, aftercare release, final discharge, or pardon who have a valid standard Illinois Identification Card. For 2019, the number of persons released as a committed person on parole, mandatory supervised release, aftercare release, final discharge, or pardon without a valid standard Illinois Identification Card.**

The Department is denying your request. The department does not track the number of youth released, discharged, or pardoned with or without identification cards. The Department is not required by FOIA to answer questions or generate new records, and that “a request to inspect or copy must reasonably identify a public record and not general data, information, or statistics.” See *Chicago Tribune Co.*, 2014 IL App (4<sup>th</sup>) 130427. Further, the information you seek would be in the youth Masterfile. Youth records and identities, including law enforcement records, medical records, and master file records are confidential under the Unified Code of Corrections (730 ILCS 5/3-5-1) and the Juvenile Court Act (705 ILCS 405/1-7, 1-8, 5-901, 5-905, and 5-910,), and thus exempt under FOIA, see 5 ILCS 141/7(1)(a).


You have the right, within sixty (60) days, to appeal the denial of any portion of your request to the Public Access Counselor (“PAC”) in the office of the Attorney General pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/9.5. Your request for review must be in writing, be signed, and include a copy of your request and responses from the Department. You can file your request for review with the PAC at:

Public Access Counselor  
Office of the Attorney General  
500 South 2nd Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706  
1-877-299-3642

You may also initiate legal action pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/11 to seek judicial review by filing a lawsuit in state circuit court.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M Walters".

Michael W. Walters  
FOIA Officer